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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: NPIC Requirement re Classification of SAMOS
Products Within the T-KH Security System

1. Pursuant to my telephone conversation with you this date, the establishment of a special codeword designator for the handling of SAMOS products within the T-KH system is not necessary insofar as NPIC is concerned.

2. I am very much concerned that I be informed as early as possible of potential SAMOS inputs to the Center, but this can be readily accomplished through either (1) the assignment of a special block of Mission Numbers which would be reserved for SAMOS products or (2) the routine assignment of common Mission Numbers with appropriate advice as to the specific collection system with which the mission is associated. I believe that NPIC administrative handling requirements would be most easily accommodated through the assignment of a specific series or block of Mission Numbers and, accordingly, this method of identifying SAMOS collection products within the T-KH system is recommended for COMOR approval.

3. It is understandable that there may well be other considerations, particularly of a security nature, which will require a more definitive identification mechanism for SAMOS products within the T-KH system. If this is the case, such action should be clearly referenced to security considerations and not to NPIC administrative requirements.

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